

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
AND  
AMENDMENT E**

APPLICANT: Heinfried Hoffmann, et al.      DOCKET NO: P04,0153  
SERIAL NO.: 10/840,114      ART UNIT: 2857  
FILED: May 6, 2004      EXAMINER: Baran, Mary C.  
CONF. NO.: 7271  
TITLE: METHOD AND DEVICE TO TEST THE OPERATION SAFETY OF A  
PROCESS CONTROL DEVICE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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10 Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated February 26, 2007; please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time for responding to the OA and are authorizing a credit card charge  
15 for the \$120.00 government fee so that the period of response is extended from May 26, 2007 to June 26, 2007. Any shortages may be charged to, and any overpayments may be credited to, deposit account no. 50-1519.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

20 **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.